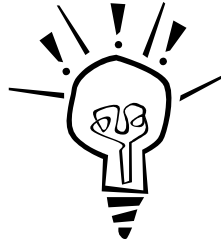


What a Good Idea



...Use SSI to Get Ready for Your Future

1. Supplemental Security Income, also known as SSI, helps children with special needs to get benefits:
2. Your eligibility is re-evaluated on a regular basis and depends upon your income and needs- your checks may stop at any time so don't use this money to pay for your essentials like food and housing.
3. Some ways SSI can put you one step closer to working:
 - Keep getting money every month (until you make more than your SSI check)
 - Keep your Medicaid benefits if you can't afford healthcare coverage when you work
 - Use a PASS plan to set aside money to help you become independent
 - Deduct your work-related expenses from your earnings
4. Work incentives are a great way to get people working- wouldn't it be nice to make more money than what comes from Social Security every month?
5. Applying for SSI involves many steps- if you are interested, you can get more information by calling **1-800-772-1213**.



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